AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend page 4, paragraph [0014] as set forth below.

[0014]   Approaches for preventing network DoS Reset attacks are described in co-pending application Ser. No. ~~NNN~~ 10/755,146, filed January 9, 2004, entitled "Preventing Network Reset Denial of Service Attacks," by Mitesh Dalal et al.~~, Attorney Docket No. 50325-0868~~. An approach for addressing a similar attack, known as the SYN-RST attack, is provided in co-pending application Ser. No. 10/641,494, filed August 14, 2003, entitled "Detecting network denial of service attacks," of Pritam Shah et al., and assigned to the same assignee hereof. The approach of Shah et al. is appropriate for an intermediate router rather than a TCP endpoint device, but does not fully address all issues described in this disclosure.